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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/777,557	FOORE ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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## Status

1)  Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 November 2004.

2a)  This action is **FINAL**.                            2b)  This action is non-final.

3)  Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## **Disposition of Claims**

4)  Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)  Claim(s) 17-33 is/are allowed.

6)  Claim(s) 1-16 and 34-36 is/are rejected.

7)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

8)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

9)  The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)  The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a)  accepted or b)  objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)  The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

12)  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a)  All b)  Some \* c)  None of:  
1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

1)  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2)  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3)  Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
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4)  Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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5)  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6)  Other: \_\_\_\_ .

1. Claims 1-16, 34-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1, line 14, claim 34, line 15, claim 35, line 15, claim 36, line 14, each recites the limitation "the message", in which there is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in each claim.

Claim 34, lines 2 and 4, each occurrence of "program code" should be changed to -- program codes-- to avoid the ambiguity with the other program codes recited in lines 5, 9, 12, 16 and 18.

Furthermore, in claim 35, lines 1-4, the preamble "A device for creating a computer digital signal for monitoring and controlling message delivery over a single point-to-point connection including a wireless link between a sending node and a receiving node, the computer digital signal comprising:" should be changed to --A computer-readable medium having computer-executable program codes embodied in said medium for monitoring and controlling message delivery over a single point-to-point connection including a wireless link between a sending node and a receiving node, the computer program codes comprising:-- for proper claim language recitation since a single device for creating a computer digital signal does not constitute any statutory subject matter.

2. Claims 1-16, 34-36 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

3. Claims 17-33 are allowed.

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Livingston et al. '877 & '679, Woest et al., Ywoskus et al., Homma et al., Habusha et al. '498 & '144 are further cited to show the common feature of communication network control for message transmission and receipt utilizing timer and acknowledgement similar to the claimed invention.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alpus H. Hsu whose telephone number is (571)272-3146. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (5:30-3:00) First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy D. Vu can be reached on (571)272-3155. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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